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SPEECH OF

**HON. GREG STANTON**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I want to commend Chair DELAURO and Chair PINGREE for their work on this bill and the significant progress it makes in addressing so many issues that have impacted tribes across the nation, including Arizona.

This is by far the most funding provided to tribal nations in the history of our country, and I appreciate your commitment to consulting with tribal governments as this bill was drafted. The bill before us includes funding for staffing newly opened health facilities. Very near my district, the River People's Health Center, located on the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Reservation, is one of these new facilities.

I am grateful it would fully fund the Indian Health Service's (IHS) request for staff at the River People Health Center, and that language is included to ensure the facility will receive staffing funding should the opening date come earlier than IHS currently projects.

However, I also understand that the Community has raised concerns with the IHS that the funding request does not include 11 positions that are in the original authorized staffing plan for the Health Center.

Unfortunately, while the Community sent a letter more than two months ago requesting clarification and justification for this discrepancy, they have yet to receive a response.

While this issue is being worked out between the Community and IHS, I would ask that the Committee continue to work with me to ensure the final bill will fully fund the authorized staffing levels and 638 contracts for the newly-opened facilities, as agreed to in the final contract between the tribe and the federal government.

Chairwoman Chellie Pingree:

I want to thank the gentleman from Arizona for raising this concern and for his consistent support for strong funding for Tribal Nations. I am proud to say that our subcommittee has strongly supported Tribal priorities and programs, because we know that these accounts are still far underfunded and oversubscribed.

I also want to thank him for his support of the Indian Health Services' River People's Health Center on the Salt River Reservation. I am very pleased that this bill provides the

funding necessary to open this new facility and others across the nation. With the pandemic still raging in many parts of the Country, it is essential that we get these facilities up and running as soon as possible.

Staffing for new facilities is an issue we closely monitor. We look forward to updates on negotiations between the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community and IHS and will work with our colleagues in the Senate as the situation evolves.

I thank Madam Chair for her support. I look forward to working with her and supporting the wellbeing of our Tribal communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF ASHLEE WARD ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete, coach, and Northeastern Pennsylvania native Ashlee Ward. Ashlee will be inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 2021 for her distinct athletic achievements in the sport of track and field. She and her fellow inductees will be honored at a reception on August 8, 2021.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

At Meyers High School, Ashlee was a star member of the track and field team. She held the records in high jump and discus. At the PIAA District 2 Championship in 2007, she was the high jump champion and placed fourth in discus. She went on to take eighth place in high jump at the PIAA State Championship. The following year, Ashlee again came out on top to take first place in high jump at the District 2 Championship, as well as second place in discus. She was sixth in the state for the high jump. In 2009, she placed second in high jump and third in discus at the District Championships and ninth in the state for high jump. Her senior year, she was crowned the District 2 Champion in both discus and high jump, and she was second in the state for high jump and fourth in discus.

While at Misericordia University, she held the school records in high jump and discus as well as the Middle Atlantic Conference indoor and outdoor high jump records. Her freshman year, at the MAC Indoor Championships, she was runner-up in high jump, and at the MAC Outdoor Championship, she was named Field Athlete of the Year and Champion in high jump and discus. At the NCAA Outdoor qualifier, she was 12th in high jump; at the Eastern College Athletic Conference Indoor Championship, she placed sixth in the high jump; and at

the Outdoor Championship, she earned All-ECAC outdoor honors after placing fifth in the high jump, as well as 11th in discus.

Her sophomore year, she was named the MAC Outdoor Champion in high jump and discus as well as the MAC Indoor Runner Up in high jump. She also participated in the Indoor and Outdoor ECAC Championships and the NCAA District III Outdoor Championships. As a junior, she continued to dominate the MAC as the Indoor Champion in high jump and the Outdoor Champion in high jump and discus. She also placed in the top five at both the indoor and outdoor ECAC Championships in high jump.

Ashlee had an incredibly successful senior season. She was the MAC Indoor High Jump Champion as well as the MAC Outdoor High Jump Champion and runner up in discus. She went on to compete at the ECAC Outdoor Championships, winning the gold in high jump and placing seventh in discus. She triumphed at the NCAA Division III Indoor and Outdoor Championships, placing first in high jump at both contests. For her efforts, she was named the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Women's Athlete of the Year for the Mideast Region.

It is an honor to recognize Ashlee on her induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May her story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

IN HONOR OF GARY'S BAR-B-CUE

**HON. TED BUDD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the time-tested excellence of Gary's Bar-B-Cue, a local favorite and culinary staple of the town of China Grove.

The North Carolina barbecue place, owned and operated by Gary Ritchie, celebrated 50 years of business on April 21, 2021. The restaurant's popularity and longevity can largely be attributed to Gary's principled commitment to "Good food, good service, and a clean restaurant." Gary's Bar-B-Cue epitomizes the core American values of hard work, determination, and generosity that fuel small business success and turn paying customers into lifelong friends.

Like many business owners, Gary Ritchie's start in the barbecue business began before he opened his own shop. After six years of working in curb service at Johnson's Barbecue, Gary converted a former Gulf Oil service station into his own restaurant, eventually expanding the venue's capacity three times. Gary's Bar-B-Cue now accommodates up to 216 diners. The building's seating expansion testifies not only to business success, but to Gary's aim to make everyone feel at home in his restaurant.

Gary's is a family business—but not just because Gary and Sylvia Ritchie married the

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year before they opened the restaurant. While the Ritchies have worked together throughout their restaurant's tenure, Gary and his staff make a point of treating every customer like kin, and many customers keep coming back because of the friendly service. Some might even say that Gary's barbecue dip is the only sauce around that runs thicker than blood.

For Gary, his family, and staff, the business was never merely about turning a profit. Over the decades, Gary's has become much more than just a restaurant serving up delicious southern food and barbecue. The China Grove establishment regularly hosts community organizations and groups that come for a good meal—yes—but foremost to belong. Through it all, Gary seems to have had his sights set on something loftier than pulled pork—namely, making every diner in his restaurant feel known and respected, regardless of where they come from, the clothes on their back, or even their political affiliation.

In a culture of heightened fear, animosity, and division, perhaps we could learn a thing or two from the slow-cooked wisdom of Gary Ritchie: "The easiest thing in the world is to be nice to people. It don't cost you nothing." Please join me in celebrating the enduring success of Gary Ritchie and Gary's Bar-B-Cue.

#### CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNION MEDICAL CENTER

#### HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Union Medical Center in Union, South Carolina.

Founded as the Wallace Thomas Hospital in 1921, Union Medical Center is a 143-bed acute care hospital that has provided critical medical services to the citizens of Union County throughout the last century. Residents are undoubtedly safer as a result of the high quality care provided here.

Union Medical Center has stood the test of time and has consistently risen above and beyond public health challenges to meet the needs of its community. In 2015, under the leadership of President Paul Newhouse, Union Medical Center overcame financial distress and joined the Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, providing patients with greater access to enhanced services, multi-specialty physicians, and more advanced technologies.

More recently, through the Healthy Outcomes Program, Union Medical Center has worked to meet the needs of uninsured patients and help them purchase lifesaving medications and supplies such as insulin and glucometers. Union Medical Center has also implemented a telestroke program to provide quick, high level stroke care for patients. The hospital's commitment to excellence in treating patients with symptoms of a stroke resulted in the earning of Acute Stroke Ready certification from Det Norske Veritas, an international certifier.

Doctors, nurses, and other employees at Union Medical Center have worked tirelessly

through the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic to save countless lives throughout the rural county. I commend these healthcare workers for their selfless and brave sacrifices. These heroes deserve our deepest gratitude.

On behalf of the 5th Congressional District of South Carolina, I congratulate Union Medical Center on 100 years of outstanding service. I am grateful for their ongoing investments in the future of healthcare in Union County, and I look forward to a new century of continued medical excellence.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 231; NAY on Roll Call No. 232; NAY on Roll Call No. 233; NAY on Roll Call No. 234; YEA on Roll Call No. 235; NAY on Roll Call No. 236; YEA on Roll Call No. 237; YEA on Roll Call No. 238; NAY on Roll Call No. 239; YEA on Roll Call No. 240; and NAY on Roll Call No. 241.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF JACQUELINE HARDWICK ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

#### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete, coach, and Northeastern Pennsylvania native Jacqueline Hardwick. Jacqueline will be inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 2021 for her distinct athletic achievements in the sport of basketball. She and her fellow inductees will be honored at a reception on August 8, 2021.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

While at Dallas High School, Jacqueline excelled on the basketball team. Her sophomore year, she was selected as a Division II All-Star, and her team won the Wyoming Valley Conference Sportsmanship Award while also being named the WVC Division II Champions for the first time since 1985. Her junior year, she was named WVC Division II Player of the Year, and the team won the District II Class 3A Championship. As a senior, she reached a high school career total of 1,134 points and was named WVC Division II Times Leader All-Star. That same year, her team won the WVC Division II Championship. Jacqueline was also a key player on the soccer team; she was named a WVC Division D All-Star her freshman and sophomore years and a WVC District A All-Star her junior year. She helped lead the team to a Division D Championship her freshman year and to District 2 Playoffs her junior

year. Her senior year, her team was crowned the District A Champions.

Jacqueline continued her athletic career on the basketball court at Albright College. Her junior year, she was named Albright College's Most Outstanding Women's Basketball Player. During her collegiate career, she scored 1,016 points, and she helped the team make its first Division II NCAA tournament appearance in school history. In 2008, Jacqueline was recognized by Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

After graduating, she was hired at Kenwood High School with the Baltimore County Public Schools as a special education teacher, and she also coached the junior varsity girls' basketball team. From 2009 to 2013, she played semi-professional basketball with the Baltimore Starz in the Women's Eastern Basketball Alliance. Even with the demands of a semi-professional carrier, she continued to coach at Kenwood High School, serving as the assistant coach for the girls' varsity basketball team from 2009 to 2013. From 2011 to 2014, she coached Allied Soccer, and in 2013, she was named head coach of Kenwood's girls' varsity basketball head coach, a position she held until 2015.

It is an honor to recognize Jacqueline on her induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May her story and athletic and coaching careers serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

#### IN HONOR OF duWAYNE AMEN

#### HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of duWayne Amen.

duWayne is retiring from his position as Director of Facilities at Summit School in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. duWayne started at Summit School in 1976 with an acute skill for all things mechanical. In the following 45 years, duWayne became ingrained in nearly every aspect of Summit's community and physical development, as he oversaw a number of expansion projects within the school.

Madam Speaker, it is not often that the influence of an individual's career is physically visible, but one walk through Summit School's campus is a testament to duWayne's hard work and dedication. Men like duWayne are hard to come by, and everyone who met him is better for it, myself included.

When asked about the way he hopes to be remembered, duWayne responded: "That I was professional-minded, to the point of being a perfectionist. But I enjoyed a good laugh. I wanted always to make things better than I found them. And that I really care about people, especially children." This is exactly how I remember duWayne and his work during my years at Summit.

You see, duWayne and I started about the same time, except he was graduating from Wake Forest University and I was starting kindergarten. duWayne was my bus driver, and because we lived on a farm so far away, we really got to know each other on those long drives. A lot of my love for the woodshop, mechanical shop, and life in general, came from duWayne, and I'm very grateful for him.